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Washington, Dec. 27.—For lower chigan: Light showers, southwest

FAD AND PRAUD PARTY.

Cleveland is really doing a good work for the nation. He is doing more with his policies and his arrogant obstanancy to bring about the destruction of the cratic party than any other man occutic party united in a policy of reform, is fast vanishing before the logic of inaction and disintegration. The nocrat party succeeded last year because it had no principles. What it proposed to do was hidden behind a bank of words that was bewildering. every fad and frenk that might be exted to eatch votes. It was without freaks and frauds upon the people with success. Congress and the president now confront each other in a hopeless of his instructions to Minister Willis via Australia. Four years ago the democrat party, when charged with non-fulfillment of its sati-election pledges, held up the senate scare-crow and claimed to be unable to complete any legislation because of the republican majority there. At the last election the democrats won more than they wanted. The party politicians would have preferred to have won only the offices and not the responsibility. But the time has now come when the party is compelled to officially display its inconsistencies and incupacities. Its in-consistency amounts to incoherency. It can no longer profess all things to all men or vindicate its professions by hid-ing in the words. The party is divided into sections and factions. A majority of the ways and means committee is from the southern section and has already formulated legislation antagonie-tic to the interests of the manufacturing north and east. The northern wing of the democrat party is without representation on that important committee.
There is no clear broad line of general
policy that can be followed by the party more of its factions are abandoned. If Cleveland with his hollow victory of last year will thoroughly floish the disintegration and destruction of the democrat party, he will be the nation's benefactor.

PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITIES.

It is believed that ex-President Harrison desires to imitate Mr. Cleveland so far as to secure a third nomination and second election at the hands of his party. The aunouncement is not made by Mr. Harrison nor by any of his friends authorized to speak for him. It is the preliminary movements of the sticiums in the ex-president's own state that give color to the rumor. The fact that he does not positively say he is not a candidate and the additional silence of his intimate political friend, ex Minister New, is strong evidence that Mr. Harrison will seek a re-nomination. It would be an unparalleled thing in the late history of the republican party if there is to be but one candi date for the ghest honor the party has to bestow. The almost absolute certainty of success, which the future sow so temptingly offers to republicana will prove an additional attraction for candidates. Governor McKinley of Ohio has been proclaimed by a portion of the an press and politicians as the Segical standard bearer for 1896, and without doubt his friends will make an suresst and determined fight for the place. It will be surprising if the claime of other candidates are not conversed. of other candidates are not caprassed and presented to the conrection when the time comes for nomination. Two and one half pures, thirty months, is a long atreach of time, when looking into the future and events for much and importand history see likely to occur in that time. McKinley and Benjamin Harrisee have both declined to express an form?

on on the possibilities of 1891, at

JURISDICTION ON THE LAKES.
"The decision of the supreme court of "The decision of the supreme court of the United States," says the Michigan Law Journal, "upon the question as to whether the term 'high seen' is as appli-cable to the great lakes as to the costs, will undoubtedly be regarded by Michi-gan lawyers as to them the most inter-cating and important decision of that court handed down during the present year. The court by a divided opinion held that the term 'high seas' is appli-cable to the great lakes, and an offense committed upon them is not cognizable by the state courts of Michigan, but is within the jurisdiction of the United States court. The auprems court overrules People vs. Tyler, in which it was held by the suprems court of Michigan that the criminal jurisdiction of the federal courts did not extend to offenses committed upon ressels on the lakes. It is interesting to note that Mr. Justice Brown. Michigan's representative upon the supreme court of the United States, tiles a dissenting opinion. Mr. Justice Gray also dissented from the majority opinion. Justice Brown says that the opinion of the court in this case inaugurates a wholly new departure in the direction of extending the jurisdiction of the federal tending the jurisdiction of the federal courts. His views upon the question were fully set forth in the case of Byers (3). Justice Brown's argument is seem from his well known ability to bandle questions of admiralty law, that his opinion should be entitled to greater acceptation as the correct doctrine than the opinion of his learned brethren, who are not as well equipped or fortified in that branch of the law.

THE CHARITY BALL

This winter everyone is impressed with the necessity of doing something to aid in caring for the unfortunates charity ball in The Morton last night was but another evicence that humanity in all spheres is akin. That society people would pay a higher price than is usually asked for the privilege of spending an evening in dancing, shows that those who have money to epend in such pleasures are willing to do their part in sending that money toward the un-fortunate. The ball, as was to be expected, was a success in every particular and reflects great credit upon the manage-ment and all who took part in the affair. This large amount of money, which will be placed in the treasury of the Charity Organization society, will be most wel-come, and under the capable manage-ment of the society will do much good. While the thanks of the community are due to all who took part in the affair, now confront each other in a hopeless due to all who took part in the affair, confusion of professions and purposes. The first news of the president's message came from England, and the people of this country first learned the tenor to reap so rich a harvest for the poor.

While the thanks of the community are due to all who took part in the affair, they are especially due to J. Boyd Pantled Barnard. Ind. Whose tender of the free use of De Serioner, Lou M Nealey of Muncie, Ind.

Tax Northern Pacific Railroad has been granted by the United States court in Milwaukee an injunction against its employes restraining them from going on a strike. The order of the court enjoins the men from "combining and conspiring to quit, with or without notice, the service of the road, without notice, the service of the road, with the object of crippling or embarrassing its operation, and generally from interfering with the officers and agents of the receivers or their employes in any manner by actual violence, intimidation, threats or otherwise." Is is doubtful if the order of the court will be very graciously received by members of labor unions, imperilling as it does the existence of their organizations. The opin-ion of the presiding judge must be writ-ten with very clear logic if it convinces the ordinary laymen that he has no right to quit work when he wants to.

Rarours from Washington indicate that Judge Greebam is in a pretty frame of mind these days. The employes and clerks in the department avoid meeting him as they would a mad bull. At the slightest provocation he storms and rages without reason. It is believed that the Honorable secretary is so mortified by the popular disapproval of the Hawaiian policy which he is supposed to be in part responsible for that a repetition of the noted ejaculation of Vanderbilt does not ease his mind. He can only find relief in abusing the clerks and other subordinates with whom he

There is a very provalent opinion that the governor of Florida is in the right in his efforts to stop the big fight booked within his jurisdiction; but there will be millions of very sadly disappointed people in this country if Mitchell is allowed to take his tireless jaw back to the other side without first having it well jarred.-Detroit Free Press.

Hs, who would desire prostration of onsiness and distress among the people for the benefit of party, is a trailor to himself and his country. They, who charge such despicable motives to op-pensate in honest discussion, are themselves hypocrites and a dangerous element in a community.

And now the senate wants to send an investigating committee to Hawall, If the help hule dance is included in the committee's work, and volunteers are called for it is doubtful if there would be a quorum left to do business.

STREET out all after the exacting clause in the Wilson hill, let congress adjourn and go home and prespectly will return aimset as quickly as the rising

Way don't we hear more about "State banks" and "Wild Cat" money so faithfully promised to the Chicago pint-

WAS A GREAT EVENT

Wonderful Success of the Charity Ball Last Night

MORTON HOUSE WAS ABLAZE

That the Needy Might be Fed and Clothed.

Grand Rapids' best society people suced for sweet charity last night, be gathering was one of the most repof rich jewels flashed back the bright rays of the electric lamps with which the rooms were lighted. The music was the best that the city can produce. No doubt the richness of the scene, the excitement and the music drove from the minds of many the sufferers who would be clothed and fed from the proceeds of the ball. One could hardly imagine that such a thing as want could exist in the same city with so much splender and wealth.

The Ball Opened.

At 8 o'clock last evening the last touches had been given to the rooms, the floral decorations had all been completed and the guests began to arrive. Mayor Stuart and Mrs J. Boyd Pantlind, assisted by J. W. Rosenthal, Mrs. E. P. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hodenpyl and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hodenpyl and Mr. and Mrs. Enos Putman, stood in the parlors to receive the guests. By 9 o'clock most of the guests had arrived and Mayor Stuart and Mrs. J. Boyd Pantlind led the way to the ball room. As the welcome strains of the march reached the ears of the fair dancers each face lighted with joy and pleasure. No time was lost in forming the line of march. In that line of marchers were boys and girls who had hardly reached their majority and there were gray their majority and there were gray haired sires who danced to the strains of as inspiring fiddlers full fifty years ago. All seemed happy and the merry clatter of gay voices partly smothered the notes of the musicians.

The Guest Among those present were: Mesers and Mesdames— C H Leonard.
J Boyd Fantilind,
Frank Voigt,
A G Hodenpyl,
Lucius Torrey,
C E Linzee,
F W Wurzburg,
George B Dunton,
H A Lames,
A B Knowlson, N L Avery, WS McKay, George N Wagner, Henry Grinnell, Heary Grinnell, Gill Camum, Dr King. Roger W Butterfield, John Brower, Fred Mille, D H Waters, Z V Twing, Fred A Maynard, H D Walbridge,

Misses—
Frank Luton,
May Widdicomb,
Carrie Powers,
Helen Shepard,
Bessie Husband,
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belle Chamberlain,
Miss Garrey,
Miss McCrath,
Myra Wonderly,
Carrie Cobb,
May Bonnell,
Daisy Carpenter,
May Robinson,
Mrs. Fargo and Miss Pargo of Chicago,
Mrs. Harry Brown, Mrs. E. P. Foller, Mrs.
C. H. Perkins, Mrs. M. R. Bissell, Mrs. W. H.
Huil, Mrs. J. H. Bornell and Mrs. Lockerby.

The Decorpations.

Heber Knott,
J W P Holcombe,
George Hefferon,
Cassias Shelby,
Dr H M Joy,
Will Martindale,
J Morgan Smith,
A H Hunt,
J C Bonnell,
J Avery,
W C Brightwell,
Roy Griswold,
Stephen Soars,
Will Gunn,
David Uhi,
Harvey Wonderley;

C. H. Perkins, Mrs. M. R. Bissell, Mrs. W. H. Bull, Mrs. J. B. Bornell and Mrs. Lockerby. The Decorations.

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The floral decorations were rich and tasty but were not profuse. At the head of the wide stair case leading from the lobby, tail, graceful paims and ferras while libe doorways were festoemed with ground pine. On tables, on either side, were vasce silled with chrysanthemums and extractions whose sweet fragrance were vasce silled with chrysanthemums and extractions whose sweet fragrance from the subtreath of a summer water from the subtreath of the house. Entering the two many parter of the house footness for the subtreath of the continuary and the reflected rays of the may electric lights made the roome dazuling. The grates beneath the marties were launked with pretty forms and palms. T. R. Renwick & Co. donated the parior decorations are a manner that rendered the appearance of the room indescribably pretty. Rich banquet and palms if the subtreath of the subtreation of the subtreath of the subtreation of the subtreated by precident private, although the subtreation of the subtreation

At 10:30 light refreshments were served in the rotunds and ices were served in the ball room between dances. The exact amount realized from the ball cannot now be stated. It is thought that \$1,000 worth of tickets were sold and nearly that amount will be cleared, as everything was donated but the

"Ben Hur" was given its second presentation in The Powers' last night. The performance moved off in a much smoother manner than on the previous evening and the audience was highly

Those who enjoy a vaudeville sh will be pleased with the bill in Smit this work.

Gue Hill's company still draw goo "The Diamond Breaker" will be the attraction at The Grand next week.

The invitations were sent out lassight for the military ball to be give ander the auspices of all the militar companies of the city, in the Cust Guard armory next Wednesday evening The proceeds will be sent to the suffering miners in the upper peninsula.

Miss Nors Judd gave a dancing party last evening at the family mansion to about 160 of her young friends. Dainty refreshments were served and the ball room was beautifully decorated with holly and other Christians greens.

FAST GOING TO PIECES.

Mello's Followers Deserting.

Washington, Dec. 27.—"The insurrection in Brazil," said Minister Mendonca today, "is fast crumbling to pieces. The manifesto of Admiral da Gama declaring in favor of a monarchy is working great injury to the insurgents' cause. Many of the rank and file among the rebeis are strong republicans and they are deserting Melio at every opportunity. Melio is cruising up and down the coast in his flagship, but he is accomplishing nothing. The latest dispatches report that he has gone to the island of Fernando de Noronha, which is the Botany Bay of Brazil. In other words, an island where about 1,000 convicts are quartered. He has gone there to gather recruits. This shows Melio's desperation, and it proves conclusively the failure of his efforts to secure any considerable addition to his ranks from the people of Brazil.

"The steamer America, I am advised, will arrive at one of the northern ports of Brazil on Friday. Two days later she will join the Nietheroy, which is now at Pernambuco, awaiting her arrival. Their movements from that time are uncertain, but the government will, no doubt, make excellent use of their services."

BRITON'S SONS KICK. English Shipmasters at Rio Complain They Are Not Protected.

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RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 27.—It is reported here that eighty British shipmasters, representing 2,000 men and property valued at \$1,500,000, have sent to Lord Roseberry, the British foreign minister, a protest against the course pursued by Captain William M. Land, commander of the British cruiser Sirius and senior officer of the British squadron now here, who, they charge, will not protect them in discharging their cargoes.

It is reported here that the government of Uruguay has expelled General Martinez, the foreign minister of the De Mello provisional government. General Martinez is the officer who some months ago led the movement in southern Brazil that had for its object the restoration of the monarchist. It is thought here that his expulsion from Uruguay, which is undoubtedly the result of action taken by the British government, was to secure the overthrow of the Mello government.

CARNOTS SUCCESSOR. Presidency of the French Republic

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Para, Dec. 26.—In political circles, the election of a president of the republic to succeed President Carnot has become the leading question of the hour. The election is still, at least, ten months away, and the latest time at which the assembly can meet to decide the question is November, 1834. President Carnot's term expires on January 1, 1865.

M. Cassimir-Perier, the premier, is almost the only other active statesman mentioned as a rival.

The trial of Augusta Vaillant, who

ROW ON OVER COAL

Ex-Secretary Whitney's Invest-

STARTS A FIGHT ON TARIFF BILL

ter Rettle on Pres Coal Will be Made as floor as the Bill

Washington, Dec. 27.—There is a possibility that the Canadian tory leaders may be forced to decide whether they are willing to give up the Canadian protective duty on coal in order to encure free entrance into the United States for Canadian coal. One of the plans of the democratic opponents of free coal is, in the event that they cannot place this article on the dutiable list, to propose as a condition the reciprocity provision that coal shall be admitted free only from those countries which impose no duty on coal imported from the United States.

Want a Duty on Cost.

It is a fact that there is probably a more determined effort on the part of leading democrat senators to restore coal to the dutiable list than to make a change in any other article of the Wilson bill. The shipment of coal from Virginia and West Virginia to New England has grown to enormous proportions. There is shipped annually from Newport News—the terminus of the Chesspeake and Ohio railroad—1,000,000 tone of coal to points along the Northern and New England coast. A similar amount goes from Lambert's Point, near Norfolk, the terminus of the Norfolk and Western railroad.

The shipment of this coal means not only an immense revenue for the railroads, but upon it depends the operation of the extensive coal fields of Virginia and West Virginia, the employment of thousands of miners, and the service of a large fleet of ships with all their officers and men. It is claimed by those who are interested in this matter that the placing of coal upon the free list will close the mines, stop the running of freight trains and send to the wharves the ships that are now engaged in the coastwise coal trade.

What the Rate Will Be.

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So powerful are the interests which are involved in the question of free exalthat the prediction is already made that when the bill comes out of the senate it will be found that coal has been restored to the dutiable list, not perhaps at the present rate of 75 cents on the ton, but certainly at 40 cents if not 50 cents. The latter figure wouldin all probability be a sufficient embargo against Nova Scotia coal, and would be acceptable, it is said, to the coal interests, but the latter might take 40 cents rather than nothing at all.

Should a duty be placed on coal it would necessitate a complete rearrangement of the manufacturing schedules, for the latter are based on the advantages to be given the manufacturers through free coal.

Whitney and His Syndicate.

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The endeavor to secure a duty on coal will be fought with great bitterness by the Whitney syndicate that has just secured coal fields in Nova Scotia—coal that lies in thick veins close to the surface, and so near to the sea that a few miles of railroad will be sufficient to place it in the holds of schooners, a very different condition of affairs from that which exists along the line of the two great trunk lines already mentioned, which have to haul several hundred miles to the nearest seaport.

The fight of the syndicate to save its investment and the struggle of the coal roads to save their business will be one of the most noticeable features of the tariff fight, and will be none the less interesting because of the fact that it will not be fought upon the surface. The chief owners of the Dominion coal syndicate are democrate near to the administration, and they favor free coal. The leading opponents of free coal are democratic senators from the states in which the mines are located, and the managers of the trunk line roads (all of whom are democrate) which bring the coal to the seaboard.

National Capital Notes.

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The president has signed the bill abolishing the sixty-day limit for leaves of absence in the case of the sufferers by the Ford's theatre disaster.

The postoffice department has been notified of the arrest at Kataquomado, New Mexico, of Felippo Vacilia and Leopoldo, charged with robbing and murdering Mail Carrier Jose Momero.

Michigan Man for Vice President.

CRICAGO, Dec. 27.—The Northern Traveling Men's association tonight elected the following officers: President, George J. Reed; vice presidents. P. H. Carroll, Michigan; Levi B. Pane, Illinois; E. P. Lovejoy, Iowa; J. P. Brouwer-Archer, Minnesota; J. P. Bacon, Wisconsin; J. R. Hsywood, Indiana; W. H. Clelland, Missouri; H. O. Hildreth, Ohio; M. M. Uri, Kentucky; W. G. Colwell, Kansaa; S. F. Pani, New York; Willis Bristol, Colorado; W. H. McCord, Nebroska; W. S. Stockials, North Dakota; J. C. Sheldon, South Dakota; George D. Tracy, Montana; Henry Plowman, Oregon; George T. Odell, Utah. W. W. Powell, Washington; Albert Branshaw, Texas; E. C. Woodward, New Jersey, Secretary and treasurer, Charles H. Hin man. Directors, two years, Conrad Witkowsky, W. H. Cribben, Francia Etheridge, E. T. Doyle and George W. Bailey.

New Cordage Trust.

Tazarron, N. J., Den. 27.—The United States Cordage company, which has risen from the ashes of the National Cordage company, began business today according to its new charter under the laws of New Jersey. It starts with a capital stock of \$34,000,000, and has offices for the transaction of business in New Jersey, New York, Boston, Chicago and Cincinnati. The certificate of organization was filed in the office of the secretary of state this morning.

INDIANAPOLIA, Dec. 27.—The case of Annie Wagner, the domestic charged with poisoning four members of the family of Charles Koetters, went to the jury at 6 o'clock this evening. At 11 o'clock the jury not having reported, Judge Cox went home, leaving instructious for a sealed verdict.



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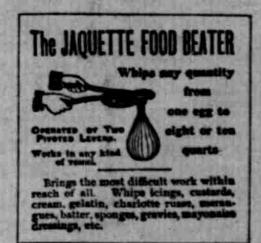
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After Christmas our thoughts must return to earth again, the wants of the inner man attended to. The conveniencs of preparing those things which, while perhaps not absolutely necessary, to keep alive the vital spark still are great helpers.

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